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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1-29. (canceled)

30. (new) An identification card associated with a card-holder, comprising:

an identification card surface;

visible information printed on the identification card surface;

a first code on the same area of the identification card surface as the visible information;

a second code printed on the identification card surface remote from the first code; and

a third code on another identification card surface, the third code being located on another side of the identification card as compared to the first and second codes,

wherein the first, second, and third codes are (i) identical to each other, (ii) associated with the card holder, (iii) machine readable bar codes that are substantially invisible to a human, and (iv) printed using the same technology.

- 31. (new) The identification card of claim 30, wherein the codes indicate at least one of: (i) a card-holder identifier, (ii) a benefit, and (iii) an expiration date.
- 32. (new) The identification card of claim 30, wherein the codes are at least one of: (i) a one-dimensional bar code, and (ii) a two-dimensional bar code.
- 33. (new) The identification card of claim 30, wherein the codes are formed using at least one of: (i) a chemical, (ii) an invisible ink, (iii) an ink that becomes visible in ultra-violet light, and (iv) an ink detectable with radiation outside of the visible spectrum.

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34. (new) A method, comprising:

printing visible information on an identification card surface;

printing a first code on the same area of the identification card surface as the visible information;

printing a second code on the identification card surface remote from the first code; and printing a third code associated with the card-holder on another identification card surface, the third code being located on another side of an identification card as compared to the first and second codes,

wherein the first, second, and third codes are (i) identical to each other, (ii) associated with the card holder, (iii) machine readable bar codes that are substantially invisible to a human, and (iv) printed using the same technology.

- 35. (new) The method of claim 34, wherein the codes indicate at least one of: (i) a card-holder identifier, (ii) a benefit, and (iii) an expiration date.
- 36. (new) The method of claim 34, wherein the codes are at least one of: (i) a one-dimensional bar code, and (ii) a two-dimensional bar code.
- 37. (new) The method of claim 34, wherein the codes are formed using at least one of: (i) a chemical, (ii) an invisible ink, (iii) an ink that becomes visible in ultra-violet light, and (iv) an ink detectable with radiation outside of the visible spectrum.
  - 38. (new) An apparatus, comprising:
  - a printing controller; and
  - a printing device in communication with the printing controller and adapted to:

    print visible information on an identification card surface,

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print a first code on the same area of the identification card surface as the visible information,

print a second code printed on the identification card surface remote from the first code, and

print a third code on another identification card surface, the third code being located on another side of an identification card as compared to the first and second codes,

wherein the first, second, and third codes are (i) identical to each other, (ii) associated with the card holder, (iii) machine readable bar codes that are substantially invisible to a human, and (iv) printed using the same technology.

39. (new) The apparatus of claim 38, further comprising: a code database stored at the printing controller.

- 40. (new) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the codes indicate at least one of: (i) a card-holder identifier, (ii) a benefit, and (iii) an expiration date.
- 41. (new) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the codes comprise at least one of: (i) a one-dimensional bar code, and (ii) a two-dimensional bar code.
- 42. (new) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the codes are formed using at least one of: (i) a chemical, (ii) an invisible ink, (iii) an ink that becomes visible in ultra-violet light, and (iv) an ink detectable with radiation outside of the visible spectrum.